WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

Increase in air fares in selected sectors

*545. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Indian Airlines Chairman's interview reported in the Pioneer of 13th April, 1994 about the increase in fares in selected sectors;

(b) if so, what are the areas and specific stations where the fares are being increased and from what date, alongwith the names of other stations and the fare structure;

(c) whether the Indian Airlines have interline arrangements with scheduled airlines in India and ATOs and if so, what are the terms and conditions; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the precise losses suffered by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during the last three years and what is the position now, alongwith the fleet?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No decision has yet been taken on increasing the fares.

(c) Indian Airlines has arrangement with Air India and Vayudoot by which transportation documents of Indian Airlines are accepted by the other two partners. Indian Airlines has no interline arrangement with Air Taxi Operators as Indian Airlines does not see any benefit from it.

(d) The loss suffered by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during the last three years is as under:—

Rs. in Crores

Year	I.A.	Vayudoot
1991-92 . . .	198.85	30.59
1992-93 . . .	195.15	24.16
1993-94 . . . (Prov.)	297.80	22.50

Indian Airlines has a fleet of 10 Airbus A-300, 25 Airbus A-320 and 18 B-737 aircraft.

Vayudoot has 8 Dorniers and 8 Avro aircraft.

Financial Irregularities in Hotel Janpath

*546. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases involving serious misconduct and financial irregularities of several lakh rupees by a number of Hotel Janpath employees have been reported by several agencies|individuals to the ITDC Management|Government during February, 1990 to Deember, 1993;

(d) the precise losses suffered by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot if any, against each, till date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a particular union in almost all units|divisons of ITDC is getting all support from the management due to the continued corruption prevailing at high level in ITDC Management and if so what is the factual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A case of serious financial irregularities